

Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Assurance Needs

BDAC Water Use Efficiency Work Group
Objectives Included:

- Preserve Local Flexibility
- Build on Progress and Achievements of Ag MOU

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In March 1997 the Agricultural Water
Management Council Faced Two
Handicaps:

- Just Being Formed -- No Membership, No
Track Record
- Very Low Level of Support/Confidence
Among Environmental Stakeholders

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CALFED Suggested Success Criteria for the Ag Council to Meet by January 1, 1999:

- Sign Up 2/3 of Acreage in CALFED Solution Area Served by Irrigation Districts
 - ◊ (About 5 Million Acres)
- Districts Submit Plans to Council, Receive Endorsement, Begin Implementation

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Ag Council Will Not Meet Criteria:

- 2.9 Million Acres Signed Up (31 Districts)
- 1 Plan Submitted
- 0 Plans Endorsed
- Only 3 Environmental Signatories
- CALFED Is Considering Measurement and Pricing Criteria Different From Requirements in Ag MOU

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No One Is Really Happy With Current Approach: What Now?

- CALFED Suggested Legislation Like UWMP Act if Council Did Not Meet CALFED Assurance Needs
- Ag Stakeholders Have Already Voiced Opposition
- Work to Bring Planning Processes Together (Ag MOU and USBR)

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Recommendations:

- Continue to Support Ag Council
- Work to Conform Planning under Ag MOU and USBR
- Convene one or a series of carefully facilitated focus groups of agency, agricultural, and environmental representatives in an effort to develop assurances of agricultural water use efficiency in a collaborative manner.

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Ag MOU Signatories

	# of Districts	Acres (1,000)
Sacramento	8	400
San Joaquin	10	655
Tulare Lake	7	1,125
Imperial/Other	6	740
Total	31	2,920

(Values are based on available information)

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CVP/USBR Agricultural Contractors Conservation Plans

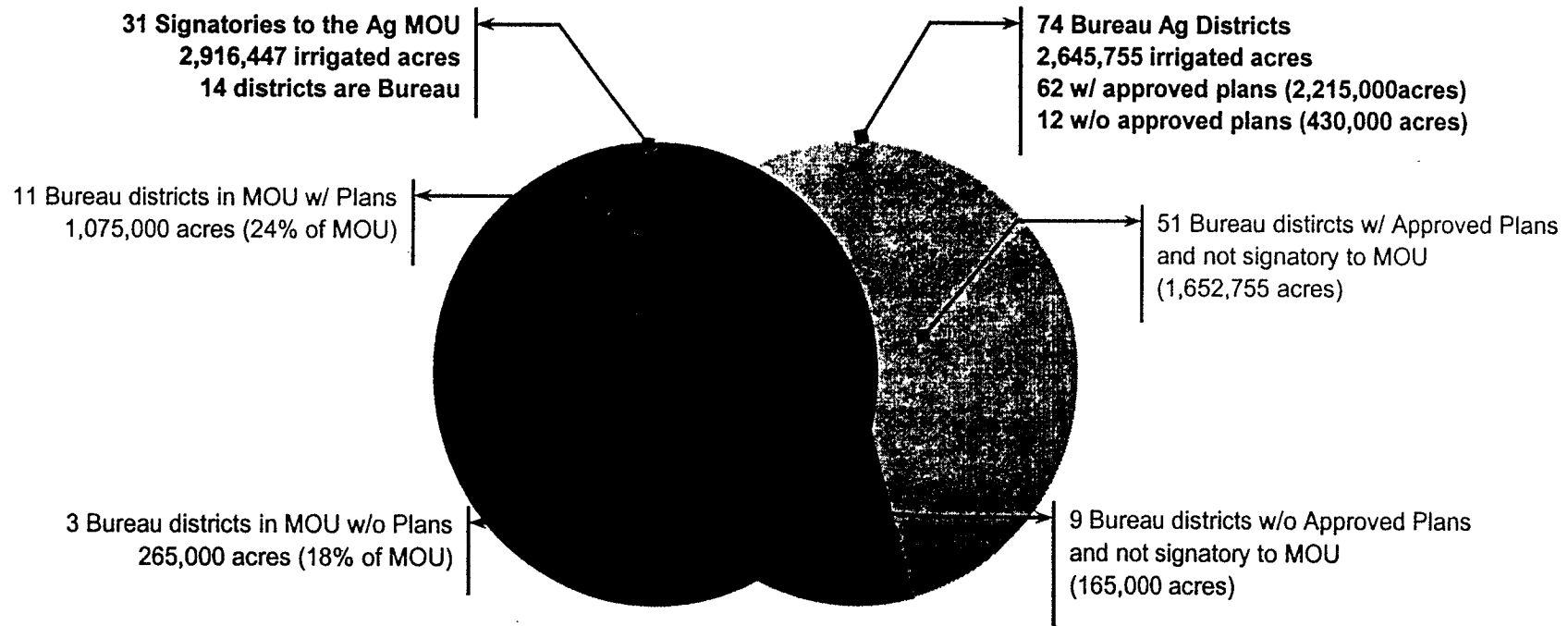
	# Complete	Acres (1,000)	# Not Complete	Acres (1,000)
Sacramento	15	195	10 1	350
San Joaquin	19	650	2	80
Tulare Lake	24	1,350	0	0
Other	4	20	0	0
Total	62	2,215	12	430

1. These districts are involved in the development of Regional Criteria

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Relationship of CVP Ag Water Districts to the Agricultural MOU



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